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International Boundary Monument No. 172

Identification:

Preferred Structure Name: International Boundary Monument No. 172

Structure Number: MKR172

Other Structure Name(s):

Other Structure Name(s)

No records.

Park: Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument

Historic District:

Historic District

No records.

Structure State: Arizona
Structure County: Pima

Region: Intermountain
Cluster: Southwest

Administrative Unit: Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument

LCS ID: 056748

Historical Significance:

National Register Status: Determined Eligible - SHPO

National Register Date: 09/26/1995

National Historic Landmark?: No

Significance Level: National

Short Significance Description: International Boundary Marker 172, Organ Pipe NM, determined eligible,

> national level, Criteria A, assoc'n w/Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, 1848; Gadsden Treaty, 1853; & Barlow-Blanco survey, 1892, resurvey of US-Mexico boundary agreed upon in Gadsden Treaty. Period of significance,

1892 - present.

Long Significance Description:

International Boundary Marker 172, Organ Pipe NM, was determined eligible, at the national level, under Criteria A, assoc'n w/Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, 1848; Gadsden Treaty, 1854; & Barlow-Blanco survey, 1892, resurvey of US -Mexico boundary agreed upon in Gadsden Treaty, for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places, with a period of significance, 1892 - present. The monument is one of 258 erected along the new boundary during the re-survey from El Paso, Texas to the Pacific Ocean at San Ysidro, California. The monument not only signifies the border between the two countries but symbolizes the relationship between them.

Constructed of cast iron, and mounted on a concrete base, the obelisk bears the number 172 on its east face and two sockets to hold a flag on its west face. Metal placques adorn the north and south faces describing the boundary in English and Spanish. It is jointly owned by both US and Mexico and is managed and maintained by the International Boundary and Water Commission, initially established by the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo in 1848.

The Determination of Eligibility for International Boundary Marker 172 was signed by the Arizona State Historic Preservation Officer on September 26, 1995.

Construction Period:

Construction Period:

Historic

Chronology:

			Begin		End		
	Physical	Begin	Year	End	Year		Designer
	Event	Year	AD/BC	Year	AD/BC	Designer	Occupation
1.	Built	1892	AD	1894	AD	Int'l Boundary	Engineer
						and Water	
						Commission	

Function and Use:

Primary Historic Function: Monument (Marker, Plaque) **Primary Current Use:** Monument (Marker, Plaque)

Structure Contains Museum

Collections?:

No

Other Functions or Uses:

Other Function(s) or Use(s) Historic or Current No records.

Physical Description:

Structure Type:

Outdoor Sculpture

Square Feet:

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Material(s):

Structural Component(s) Material(s				
1.	Foundation	Concrete		
2.	Superstructure	Cast Iron		

Short Physical Description:

6' high cast iron obelisk which weighs 710 lbs & straddles boundary. 12" square at base, tapers to 9". 2 sockets for flag W side; numerals 172 on E side. Inscription on N side in English, on S in Spanish. Anchored to concrete fndn 3'x3'x2'.

Long Physical Description:

Monument 172 is a 6' high cast iron obelisk which straddles the international boundary between the US and Mexico. It is jointly owned by the two countries and maiantqained by the International Boundary and Water Commission (IBWC).

The obelisk has a 12" square base and tapers to 9" square. The "Pyramid" at the top is six inches high. The marker weighs 710 pounds. The west side has two sockets to hold a flag, which when in place, is directly over the boundary line. The numerals 172 have been attached to the east side. The inscription on the north side reads: "Boundary of the United States, treaty of 1853, re-established by treaties of 1882-1889." The inscription on the south side reads: "Limite de la Republica Mexicana, tratado de 1853, restablecido por tratados de 1882-1889."

The obelisk is anchored to a square concrete foundation, 3' by 3', and 2' high.